

AUTO COURTS AND TRAILER CAMPS

CHAPTER 63

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General References

Public health - See Ch. 116.

Mobile home parks - See Ch. 126.

63-1. Definitions.

The following definitions of terms shall apply unless the context clearly indicated another meaning or unless elsewhere expressly stated for specific application:

CAMP CAR or **TRAILER HOUSE** - Any vehicle used or intended to be used for living or sleeping purposes which is equipped with wheel or wheels or similar devices for the purposes of transporting the unit, whether by motive power or by other means.

CAMPGROUND - Any place, area or tract of land upon which is located any camp car and/or trailer house.

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OWNER - Any person or persons, firm or corporation or public agency having dominion or control over any structure, whether tenant in fee, tenant for life or tenant for a term of years, leases or otherwise, as well as persons occupying a representative capacity and exercising such dominion or control over the structure.

TENT - Any structure used for living or sleeping purposes or for sheltering a public gathering, constructed wholly or in part from canvas, tarpaulin or other similar material, and shall include shelter provided for circuses, carnivals, sideshows, revival meetings, camp meetings, chautauquas and all similar meetings or exhibitions in temporary structures.

TENT SPACE - Any place, area or tract of land upon which is located or intended to be located any tent used for living or sleeping purposes.

TOURIST COURT or AUTO COURT - Any multiple dwelling or group of dwellings other than hotels and apartment houses which are designed for use or intended to be used for the temporary residence of motorists or travelers, including such establishments going by the name of "auto camp," "tourist," "tourist camp," "motel," "autotel," "house court" and similar designations.

TOURIST HOME - Any place consisting of a room or group of rooms located on one premises, which is offered to transient motorists or the traveling public for use for sleeping or living purposes.

63-2. Permits.

Any person, firm, corporation, public agency, church or institution desiring to operate, maintain or offer for rent, lease or tenancy any site, lot, field, tract or ground for the location and maintenance of an auto court, camp car, campground, tourist camp, trailer camp, trailer court, trailer coach, trailer tent or other similar conveyance or place of abode for shelter shall obtain a written operating permit from the Board of Health.

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63-3. Application.

Application for an operating permit shall be made to the local Board of Health and shall contain the following information:

- A. The street and number of the premises to be occupied or an exact description of the location with respect to the nearest named street, road or avenue.
- B. The name of the occupant of any dwelling on said premises and the permission of such occupant to locate those conveyances or places of abode listed in 63-2.
- C. A detailed statement or drawing, to scale, of the sanitary facilities to be used by occupants of those conveyances or places of abode listed in 63-2, including the number of such facilities and their locations. This provision shall include toilets, washrooms, laundry rooms and utility rooms.
- D. A detailed statement of the provisions for collecting and disposing of wastewater, garbage, refuse, trash and sewage disposal for those conveyances or places of abode listed in 63-2.
- E. A detailed statement of the source and method of distributing water to those conveyances or places of abode listed in 63-2.
- F. A detailed plan of the location and size of unit space of all trailer or tent space to be located on such premises including driveways, entryways, and walks.
- G. The name and address of all persons who shall be responsible for the maintenance of those conveyances or places of abode listed in 63-2.

63-4. Duration of permit; fee.

- A. An operating permit will be issued to any person, firm, corporation, etc. who have complied with the regulations of the board relative thereto. All permits issued hereunder shall expire on December 31 next following the issuance. Any permit shall be suspended for cause, following a hearing before the Board of Health. Operating permits held by one permit holder shall not be transferable to another person.

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- B. In order to defray the cost of operation of this permit system, a fee of one dollar (\$1.) shall be assessed yearly and shall be paid upon receipt of a valid permit.

63-5. Standards.

All campgrounds on which camp cars, trailers or coaches are located shall meet the following standards and requirements:

- A. The camp cars in every campground shall be arranged in rows abutting the street or alley or abutting an unoccupied space within the campground not less than twenty (20) feet wide which shall be open and unobstructed to the alley or street. The minimum allowable space for one (1) camp car shall be eight hundred (800) square feet plainly marked by corner markers.
- B. A clear space of ten (10) feet shall be maintained between camp cars, and a clear space of ten (10) feet shall be maintained between camp cars and any building on the premises. A clear space of five (5) feet shall be maintained between camp cars and property lines of the campground.
- C. Every campground shall be located on a well-drained area and shall be properly graded so as to prevent the accumulation of storm or casual water.
- D. Tents used for living and sleeping purposes shall comply with such requirements as pertain to the use so that no nuisance is committed or likely to be committed and so that all applicable provisions of the State Board of Health sanitary regulations are complied with.
 - (1) Screening may be cloth netting.
 - (2) Window openings may be tent flaps or top vents.
 - (3) Floors shall be tight, dry and well-supported and may be wood or wood over concrete or concrete protected with linoleum or other easily cleanable material.
 - (4) Tents in campgrounds shall conform to the requirements established for camp cars and shall be considered as camp cars when on such premises.
- E. All regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health relating to the above mentioned conveyances and places of abode which have been adopted under authority of Section 2, Chapter 147, Revised Statutes Annotated, shall be considered a part of these standards and shall be complied with in order to be eligible for a valid permit.